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Bernard Bigot, ITER Director-General 2015-2022

SAINT-PAUL-LEZ-DURANCE, France (14 May 2022) I Bernard Bigot, Director-General of the ITER Organization since 2015, passed away on 14 May 2022 at the age of 72 due to illness. His premature death will be felt with the greatest sadness by all those who were privileged to work alongside him in the many domains where he left his mark, a very personal blend of dedication and rigour. The ITER Organization, its staff and collaborators, and its international partners extend their sincerest sympathy and condolences to his family and loved ones.

In the course of his long and distinguished career, Bernard Bigot held senior positions in research, higher education and government. A chemist by training, he was first and foremost a dedicated high-level public servant. From the creation of the , which he helped to establish in the 1980s, to positions at ministerial level in science, technology, research and education for successive French china High Commissioner for Atomic Energy (2003-2009), and as Chairman and CEO governments, as of the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (2009-2012 and 2012-2015), Mr Bigot used his intelligence, his creativity, his diplomacy and an impressive capacity to work to bring about what he hoped would be

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